

PHYLLIS E. CURRIE

Biography

In April 2001, Ms. Currie was appointed General Manager of Pasadena Water and Power (PWP). In this capacity, she is responsible for providing electricity to the city of Pasadena and water to residents of the city and portions of Altadena. Prior to this appointment, her 30-year career with the city of Los Angeles gave her exposure to a wealth of public policy issues, including 15 years overseeing capital finance programs and the issuance of tax-exempt debt.

As Chief Financial Officer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) she managed the financial affairs of the \$2.5 billion public power and water utility, including DWP's joint ventures and partnerships, such as the Southern California, Public Power Authority and the Intermountain Power Project in Utah. She led the development of financial strategies to position DWP to compete in a deregulated electric industry. In addition, she launched cost control initiatives, restructured debt, established debt reduction funds for accelerating debt pay-off, amended city charter provisions to increase financial flexibility, developed financial plans to support major water infrastructure and water quality improvements, and served as a trustee for the \$2.6 billion water and power pension plan.

Ms. Currie also served in Los Angeles as Assistant City Administrative Officer overseeing development of the annual operating budget, and long-range financial planning and debt issuance for: 1) major capital needs such as wastewater, street resurfacing and transportation projects; 2) expansion of existing facilities such as the city's central library and convention center; and 3) new facilities such as branch libraries, and police and fire stations. Prior to becoming Assistant City Administrative Officer, she worked in the budget, employee relations and management audit divisions of the City Administrative Office, and also as director of the Los Angeles rent control program.

Ms. Currie is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and the National Forum of Black Public Administrators. Past professional affiliations include the Large Public Power Council, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, and the California Debt Advisory Commission.

She is on the board of directors and treasurer of the Angeles Girl Scout Council and a board member and vice-president for finance of the Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women.

Ms. Currie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA and a Masters in Business Administration from UCLA's Anderson School of Business. She also completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.